

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 21 are pending, with Claims 1, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, and 21 being independent. Claims 1, 3, 15, 16, and 17 have been amended. Claims 18 through 21 have been added.

Claims 1 through 17 again were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over US 2004/0057700 A1 (Okada, et al.). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 15, and 16 variously recite, *inter alia*, detecting date information of the image data specified in the playback procedure, and generating date information of the playlist data based on the image data's detected date information, wherein the date information of the playlist data is recorded separately from the image data's date information.

Claims 18 and 20 variously recite, *inter alia*, that a date used for sorting the playlist file is a date of a media file on the playlist (Claim 18) or an image data file on the playlist (Claim 20) and not a generation date of the playlist.

Claims 19 and 21 recite, *inter alia*, displaying, as the date of the playlist file, the date of the image data file on the playlist instead of the date of generation of the playlist.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that Okada, et al. fails to disclose or suggest at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, *inter alia*, in Claims 1, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, and 21. Applicant respectfully submits that Okada, et al. shows, e.g., that the date information of the playlist data recorded separately from the image data's date information, namely

PL_CREATE_TM (Fig. 8), is the **generation date of the playlist** (see paragraph [0273]), which is *not* the same as the features mentioned above.

Applicant further respectfully submits that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited document that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at such features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

This Amendment After Final Rejection is an earnest attempt to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, and is believed to clearly place this application in condition for allowance. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that a full appreciation of these amendments will not require undue time or effort given the Examiner's familiarity with this application. Moreover, this Amendment was not earlier presented because Applicant earnestly believed that the prior Amendment placed the subject application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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